

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as follows.

Formal drawings are attached, which include replacement sheets that overcome the objections included in the pending Office Action. The replacement sheets include corrections to Figures 3A, 4, and 8.

The first replacement sheet, which includes Fig. 3A, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3A. In Figure 3A, symbols 240, 242, and 244 have been deleted.

The second replacement sheet, which includes Fig. 4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4. In Figure 4, a typographical error has been corrected, i.e., the spelling of the word “dropped” in block 406. Additionally, Applicant notes that the “YES” arrow is clearly shown between block 404 and 406 of Fig. 4, and at block 404 it is determined whether Node 2 is in failover mode, and if Node 2 is in failover mode, the packet is dropped (block 406). New independent claim 30 recites, in part, “determining whether the second node is in failover mode.” Applicant submits that support for this feature may be found on page 13, lines 19-20 and page 14, lines 4-7 of Applicant’s Specification.

The third replacement sheet, which includes Fig. 8, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 8. In Figure 8, a typographical error has been corrected, i.e., the spelling of the word “search” in the first block (not labeled).



Replacement Sheet

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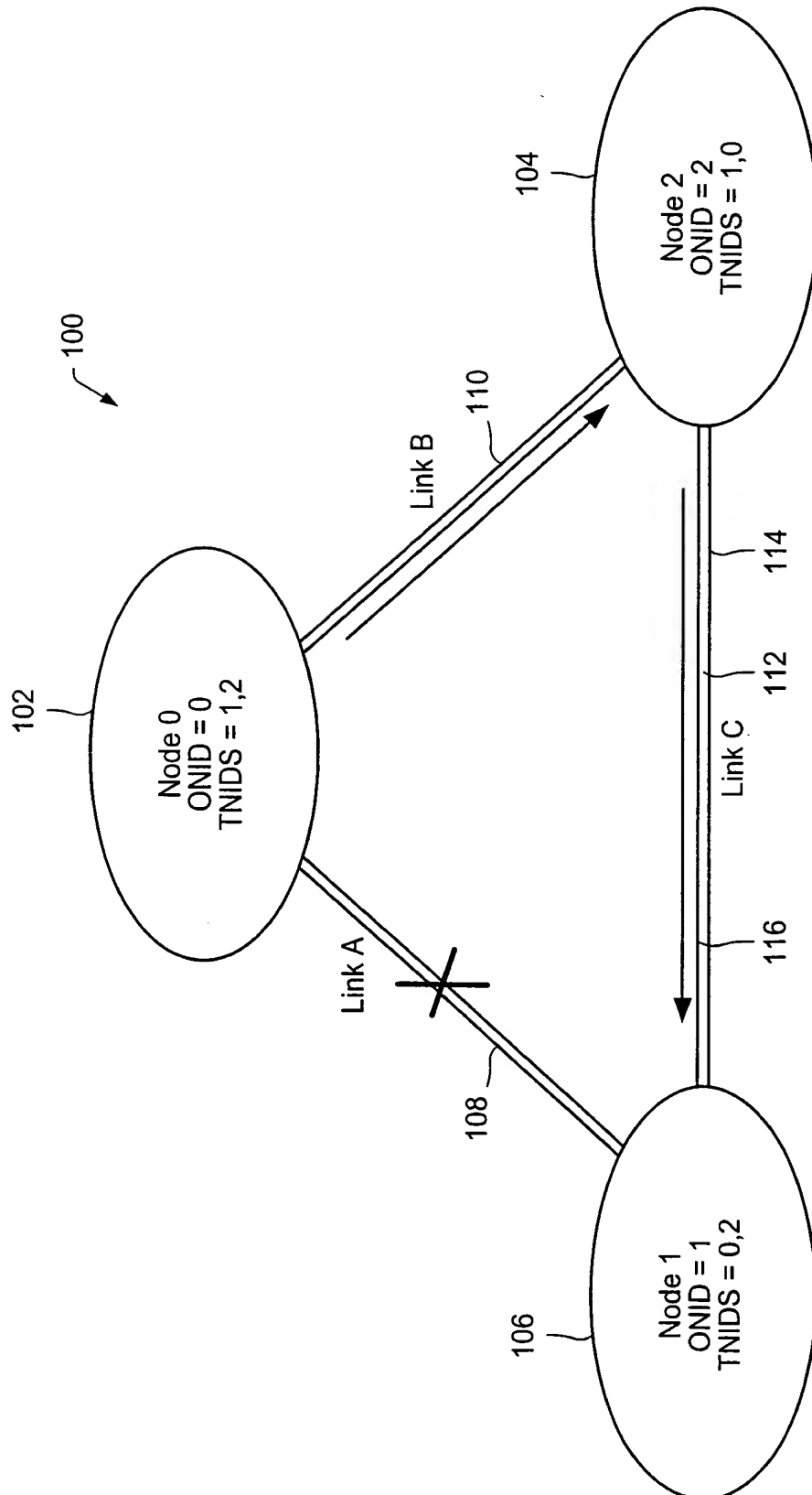


Fig. 3A



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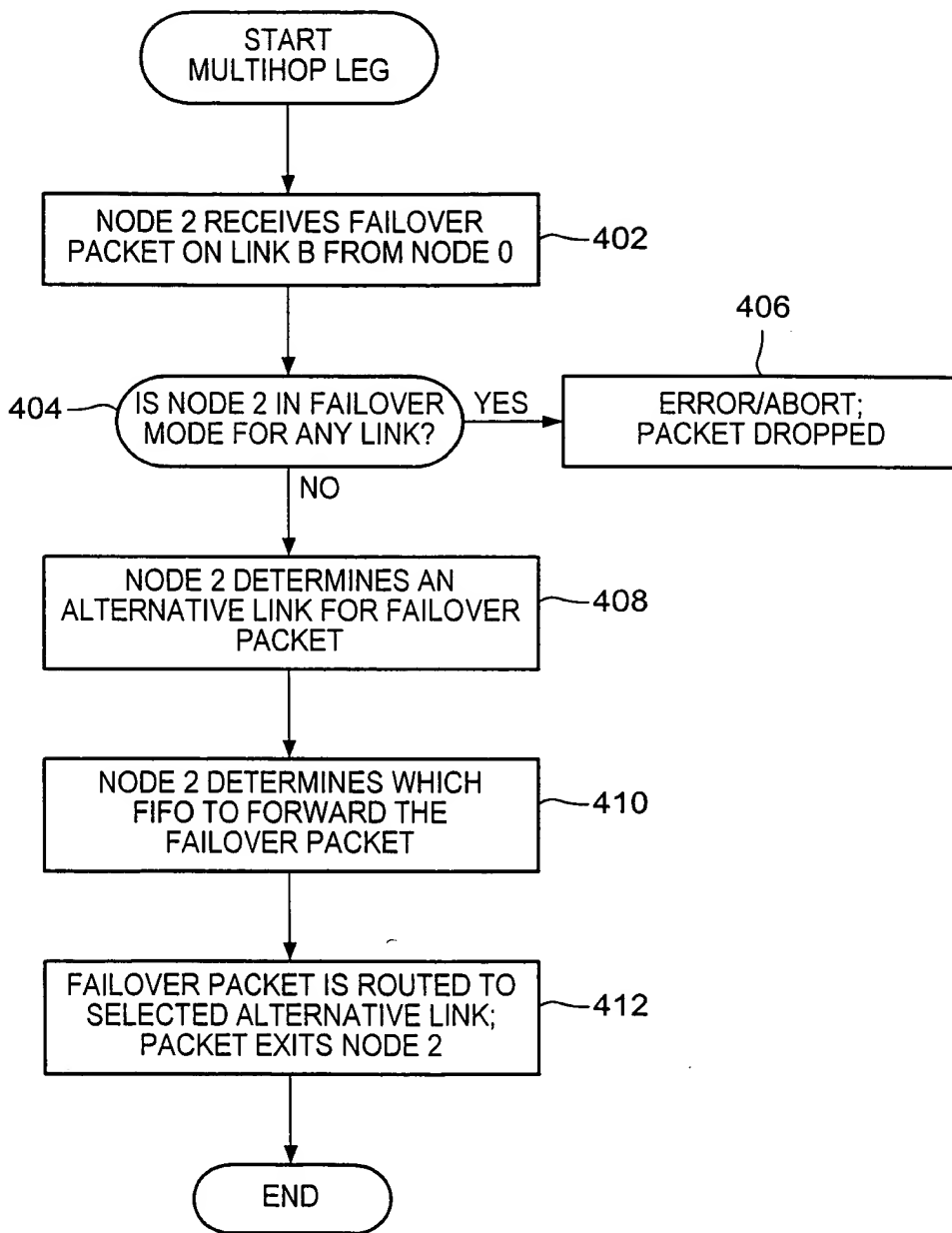


Fig. 4



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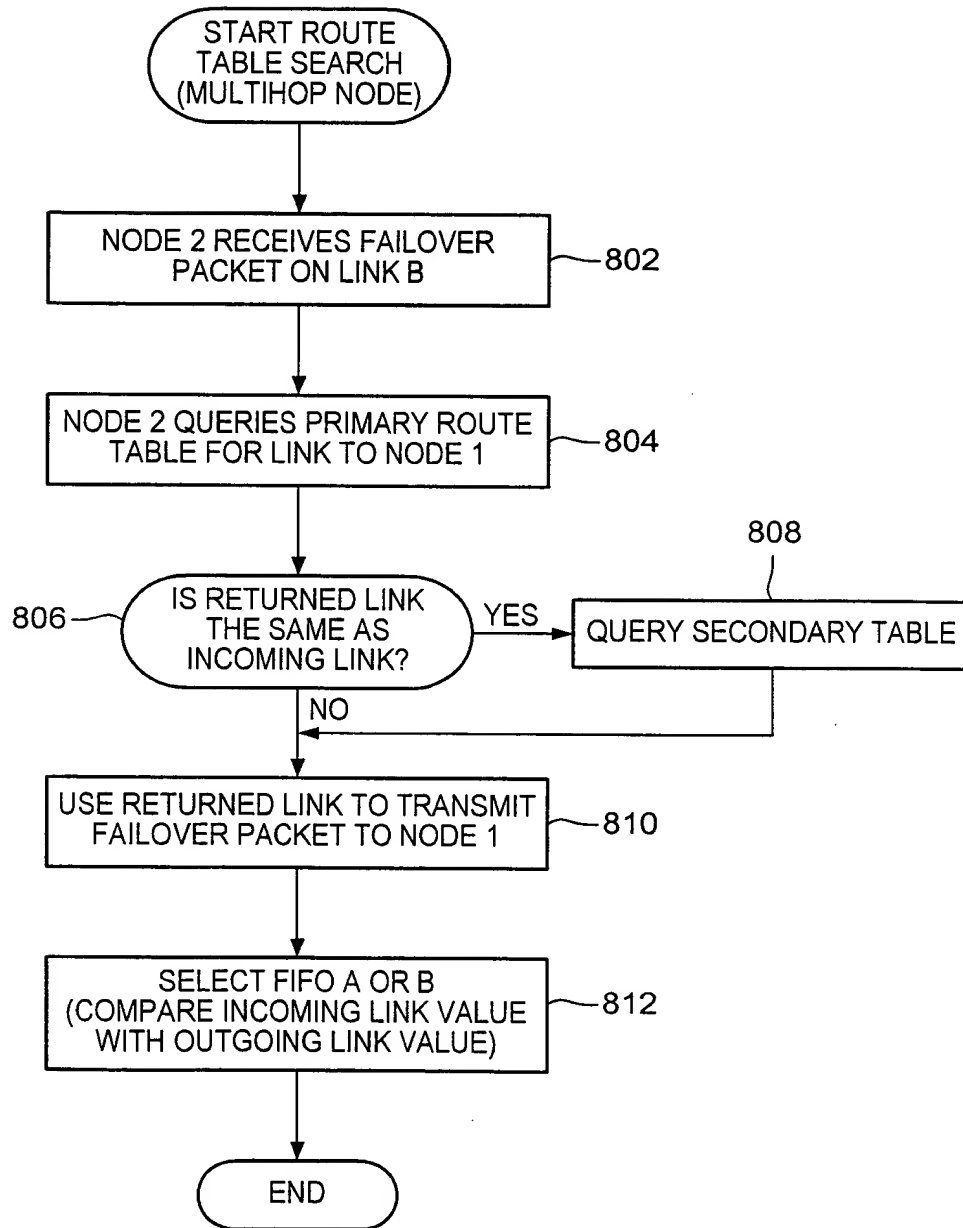


Fig. 8